

HUNTINGDON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT

UPON THE SANITARY CONDITION.

OF THE

BOROUGH OF HUNTINGDON
FOR THE YEAR 1919,

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TO THE HUNTINGDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

We beg leave to lay before you our Report as to the Sanitary Condition of your Borough during the year 1919.

Births and Deaths.

The births of 39 males and 24 females, 7 of which were illegitimate, occurred during the year. The estimated population for Birth Rate being 4,208, making an average of 16·8 per 1000 persons living, compared with 18·5 the Birth Rate for England and Wales.

The deaths of 39 males and 24 females occurred. The population for death being estimated at 4,040, makes an average of 15·5 per 1,000 persons living, compared with 13·8 the Death Rate for England and Wales.

Infantile Mortality.

Six deaths of children under one year of age occurred, 84·5 per 1,000 births. Marasmus 1, Bronchitis 1, Whooping Cough 2, Premature Birth 1, Diarrhœa 1.

Notifiable and other Diseases.

Tuberculosis.

Eight cases of Tuberculous Diseases were notified. Seven deaths occurred during the year from these causes.

Cancer.

Four cases of Cancer proved fatal during the year.

Scarlet Fever.

Nine cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and removed to the Isolation Hospital. No deaths occurred.

Measles.

Ten cases of Measles were notified during the year from ten separate homes. No deaths occurred.

Diphtheria.

Sixty-eight cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year. All these cases except two were moved to the Isolation Hospital. The disease was prevalent during the whole year. Four deaths occurred.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Two cases were notified during the year.

Enteric Fever.

One case of Enteric Fever was notified. Its origin could not be traced.

Influenza.

Influenza was present during the early part of the year, but no deaths occurred.

Food Supply.

Five samples of Milk were sent for analysis, also two of Rice, three of Lard, two of Margarine, one of Sago, one of Tea, one of Pepper and one of Cheese. All samples found genuine.

Isolation Hospital.

Steps are now being taken to place the Isolation Hospital on a more satisfactory footing and to make it available for the whole district.

We append the Report of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Gillson.

We have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

HERBERT LUCAS,

C. E. HICKS,

*Medical Officers of Health,
Huntingdon Urban District Council.*

HUNTINGDON,

May 28th, 1920.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I beg to hand you the report on this years working of this department.

Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	457
Number of Notices served (informal)	...	...	...	197
Number of Notices given (Statutory)	...	...	...	21
Offensive Accumulations abated	...	...	...	63
Number of Lodging Houses Registered	...	...	...	1
Number of Inspections of above	...	...	...	11
Licenced Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	5
Inspections ditto	...	...	...	47

The Council are doing all they can to put the Sewers of the Town in order. A long length has been completed this year including the remainder of Hartford Road, part of High Street and the whole length of St. Mary's Street. Many other small lengths have been cleaned out, relaid and otherwise made in order which will last for some years to come. In the meantime other lengths which are in a worse condition are being tackled and put in order.

OWEN W. GILLSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

**Ten Years Table of Deaths from
Cancer and Tubercular Diseases.**

Year.	Cancer.	Phthisis and Tubercular Disease.
1910	6	9
1911	3	3
1912	11	3
1913	6	0
1914	9	7
1915	7	0
1916	8	8
1917	10	2
1918	3	7
1919	4	7
	67	46



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